



# 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Cedar Fire Department  
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# Mission Statement

**To serve our community by providing effective emergency response services with professionalism and excellence that will minimize the loss of life and property resulting from fires, medical emergencies and other hazardous conditions.**

## Fire Department Overview

The Cedar Fire Department (a.k.a. Solon – Centerville Fire Department) has been proudly serving our citizens since 1947. The Cedar Fire Department serves Solon Township and Centerville Township and contracts with Kasson Township and Cleveland Townships for our services. The fire department has an I.S.O. rating of 9-10. A joint fire - board of 10 members from Solon and Centerville Townships govern the department along with the Fire Chief. The Cedar Fire Department operates with 24 members capable of firefighting, emergency medical services and other skills to serve our community. The Department is comprised with our Fire Division, Training Division and EMS Division. There are 3 full-time Firefighter/EMT – B's that work rotating shifts 7 days a week from 6 am – 6 pm. Week nights are supplemented with Paid on Call personnel to provide Emergency Medical Services. Our paid on call staff is imperative for all fire and rescue operations, as well as EMS. The department is a 24/7 transporting ambulance agency with a Basic E.M.S. license and is contracted to North Flight Advanced Life Support services when needed. The command structure consists of the following:

Fire Board  
Fire Chief  
Asst. Chief  
3 Captains including Rescue Captain  
Firefighters/EMT's

Per the 2000 Census Bureau, the Cedar Fire Department (CFD) serves 5,254 citizens. That number has surely increased over the last ten years. This number accounts for 25.1% of Leelanau County's population. CFD covers 121.1 (72.5%) square miles of land and 45.8 (34.8%) square miles of water totaling to 167 square miles of response area. The coverage area equates to 21% area of Leelanau County. CFD covers the most square miles, second in population and second in run numbers with the lowest operating budget in the county.

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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

Run volume for 2013 returned to 2011 levels and that was mainly due to a decrease in trees down on power lines. Consumers Energy and Cherryland Electric entered into aggressive tree trimming projects near their power lines and are continuing to do so. Even with a reduction in calls the fire department has stayed busy with ongoing training in both the fire and medical divisions. In May two firefighters completed an Agriculture Equipment Extrication class which dealt with removal of people entangled in farm machinery, in June the Leelanau County Fire Chiefs Association was able to attain the use of a driving simulator that was used for training to drive fire trucks and ambulances by all of the members of the fire departments in the county, and in November and December three firefighters completed Company Officer Prerequisite classes in preparation for the Company Officer classes being held in 2014. This is on top of fire and medical training that is held monthly.

We continued working on compiling information with regard to an ALS ambulance service and held a public information session in June to show taxpayers what it could potentially cost to move to an ALS service. After reviewing the input from the information session and the dollars available to fund the project it was decided to continue to grow the BLS service over the next several years until the fire station was manned 24/7 and then when funding was available upgrade to ALS. By doing this in steps a large increase in taxes could be avoided. Having Northflight ambulance intercept with us has been working very well and we would like to mention that only 11 ambulance agencies of 43 in this medical control authority are currently ALS.

Also in June the full time firefighter's petitioned to join the firefighters union and in late August negotiations began on the first contract with a one year contract being signed in January of 2014.

In December a representative from Solon, Centerville, Kasson, and Cleveland Township Boards came together to discuss the possibility of a 4 township partnership for the fire department. Solon and Centerville Townships have owned the fire department since 1947 and have contracted to Kasson and Cleveland Townships since then. It was felt that a more permanent relationship was needed in order to allow the fire department to grow and do long range planning. These talks are still underway and all possibilities of how to act in the best interest of the fire department and its supporters are being discussed.

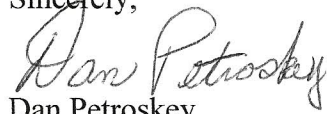
In 2014 the new tanker purchased in 2009 will be paid off but we still have two fire trucks that are 30 years old and in need of replacement. The old ambulance is 17 years old and should be replaced in 3 years. The replacement cost of these 3 vehicles would currently be about \$500,000.00.

In an effort to continue to whittle away at our project list we have budgeted for the upcoming year to purchase a standby generator for the fire station, replace 2 of the entry service doors and repair the floor around the drains in the south truck bays along with routine building maintenance.

The year 2014 brings us to millage renewal time for Solon and Centerville Townships and we ask for your continued support as we work to bring you quality fire and ambulance protection at an affordable price. The work that you see performed by the members of the fire department is only one part of what it takes to make the operation run. The township boards play a key role in maintaining and moving the fire department forward.

As always I thank you for the support that you have given the fire department in the past, present, and future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Petroskey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dan Petroskey

Fire Chief

Cedar Fire Department

# Statistical Summary

The Cedar Fire Department responded to **533** emergency calls. Emergency Medical Runs totaled to 404 responses with 183 of those requiring medical transports to the hospital. On top of the 404 ambulance responses, we responded to 129 fire runs. The year 2013 brought a call volume decrease of 153 calls compared to 686 calls in 2012. Mutual Aid was given and received 18 times.

<b>EMERGENCY CALLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Medical Responses/Stand By	404
Structure Fires	16
Vehicle Fires	2
Wildland Fires	9
Medical Assist of Fire Personnel	2
Vehicle Accidents	51 (3 Requiring Extrication)
Search and Rescues	2
Hazardous Conditions	19
Gas Leaks	8
Service Calls	5
False Alarms	12
Good Intent Calls	3
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>533</b>

**EMERGENCY**

## CALLS PER TOWNSHIP

<b>TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>EMS</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Solon Township	128	36	164
Centerville Township	64	20	84
Kasson Township	124	36	160
Cleveland Township	85	28	113
Other (Mutual Aid)	3	9	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>533</b>

# Apparatus

The Cedar Fire Department operates with the following apparatus:

- Two Basic Life Support Ambulance
- Two 2,000 gallon tankers
- One 1,000 gallon, 4 wheel drive engine
- One 55 ft. Aerial truck
- One Wildland Brush truck
- One 2002 Arctic Cat Snowmobile w/ trailer and rescue sled.

The Cedar Fire Department was proud to announce the purchase of a new ambulance. The new ambulance is a 2012 International Terra Star chassis built by McCoy Miller. Delivery of the new ambulance was March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The new ambulance (891) was put into service April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The 1997 Ford Marquee (892) served as a useful and effective back-up for double calls and replacement when 891 was serviced for maintenance.

All apparatus are maintained and inspected weekly by the full time duty crew. These inspections ensure that the apparatus and equipment is functioning and ready for any emergency at any time of the day. All employees train and operate the apparatus extensively for the upmost proficiency in an emergency situation. To operate apparatus, an employee must attend and pass an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course along with a written test and driving test.



# Personnel

801 - Fire Chief Dan Petroskey  
802 - Asst. Fire Chief Steve Ward  
803 - Rescue Captain Rob Dezelski  
804 - Captain/Training Officer Bob Schopieray  
805 - Captain Barry Mazurek  
P. 1 - FF Albin Rosinski  
P. 2 - FF/MFR Larry Petroskey  
P. 7 - FF/EMTB Shaun Beady \*  
P. 8 - FF Mark Zientek  
P. 9 - FF/MFR Brian Dezelski  
P. 10-- FF Justin Hennessy  
P. 11 - FF/EMTP Jeff Friend  
P. 12 - FF/EMTB Herb Sudemann \*  
P. 13 - EMTB - Martin Strand III  
P. 14—FF/EMTB Don McMullen  
P. 15 - FF/EMTB Tom Verschaeve  
P. 17 - FF/EMTB Sean Campillo  
P. 18 - FF Jason Morio  
P. 20 - FF Kevin Mikowski  
P. 21 - FF Ben Popa  
P. 22 - FF/EMTB Tim Johnson \*  
P. 24 - EMTB Kim Ward  
P. 25 - FF Austin Novak  
P. 26 - FF Brent Garvin

*\*Full Time Employee*

## Part Time Pool Employees

- FF/EMT - Mike Ball
- FF/EMT - Bob Podleski
- FF/EMT - Steve Watson

The three full time hourly employees are on rotating schedules to cover the station 7 days a week. The rotating schedules are 12 hour shifts totaling 96 hours every two weeks. Part time employees are utilized to fill in gaps in the full time schedule rotation. The goal of this schedule is to maintain a manned station to decrease response times, improving coverage and increasing productivity at the station. Paid on call staff are paid hourly for every call they respond to as well as training, meetings and education. The Chief and Asst. Chief are part time salaried employees for their various duties, meetings and functions in and out of the department.